

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE.

Macmillan & Co., London and New York.
SCIENCE PRIMERS, ASTRONOMY. By J. Norman Lockyer.

AMONG the Science Primers issued some time since by Macmillan & Co., the one on Astronomy, of which a new edition has just been published, is perhaps not quite so well known in Canada as some of the others. It is not an abridgment of the larger work by Mr. Lockyer on the same subject, but rather an introduction to astronomy from a child's point of view, written in simple language and illustrated by a number of diagrams and sketches. A great deal of the Astronomical Geography which is imperfectly taught in our schools, along with Political Geography, would be more easily mastered from this primer.

HISTORICAL COURSE FOR SCHOOLS. Edited by Edward A. Freeman, D.C.L. Vol. III. Scotland. By Margaret Macarthur.

THIS volume of the well-known "Historical Course" gives an account of the principal events in Scottish History up to the Union in 1707, and a brief sketch of Scottish affairs subsequent to that date. Short and clear notes on "The Disruption," "The Porteous Riots," etc., will exactly answer the purpose of a busy teacher who has forgotten, at the

moment, the ins and outs of these events in Scottish history, and can hardly spare time to read fifty or a hundred pages of a more elaborate work in order to refresh his memory.

THE HEROES OF GREEK FAIRY TALES, FOR MY CHILDREN. By Charles Kingsley. Macmillan & Co., London and New York. Toronto: Rowsell & Hutchison.

THIS is one of the series of Globe Readings now being issued by a firm that has done more in the way of putting good educational books in the hands of scholars than any other firm that we know of. It is written by a loving and skilful hand, and might well be used as a supplementary Reading Book in our schools.

EXCHANGES.

THE *Book Buyer* (Charles Scribner's Sons) is an editor's necessity.

OFTEN quoted and widely circulated, the *Popular Science Monthly*, bids fair to be more prosperous and useful than ever during 1885.

IN the pages of the *Eclectic Monthly* one may safely look for the very essence of good magazine literature. It is now in its forty-first volume.

NOTES.

CONTRIBUTIONS received, and held over for insertion next month:—

Thomas Carlyle, by Wm. J. Robertson, M.A., St. Catharines; Higher Education of Women, by Wm. Houston, M.A., Toronto; Mathematical Problems, by Geo. Ross, B.A., Galt.

THE attention of the readers of this magazine is directed to the Rev. Septimus Jones' address. Mr. Jones, who is a Canadian, has been a teacher, school superintendent, and for several years an examiner also, and therefore well qualified to speak to thoughtful men on educational questions.

THE Toronto Teachers' Association held successful meetings on February 27 and 28, at which reports were received and officers elected for 1885. Papers were read on Friday by Misses McIntyre and Taylor, and on Saturday the Association was addressed by the Rev. Septimus Jones.

THE annual meeting of the North Durham Teachers' Association was held at Bowmanville on February 12 and 13. Dr. McLellan was present and gave addresses, which greatly added to the interest of the meetings. Several papers were read on subjects of practical importance by members of the Association.